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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims, as amended by way of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/JP2005/000149, prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.